

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th September 1875.

No. 232. Read the following letter from Captain J. PENNYQUICK, R.E., District Engineer, North Arcot, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Vellore, 7th August 1875, No. 1,882 :—

With reference to your memorandum, No. 341, of 5th instant, and G. O., No. 1,235, of 1st May last, I have the honor to solicit a reconsideration of the latter order.

2. Mr. Vincent has actually to hire a carriage for which he pays Rupees 45 per month, for no other purpose than to go backwards and forwards between the Palar bridge and the house where he lives, a distance of three miles. He is rarely home before 12 o'clock and goes back again immediately after breakfast, so that he has to make the journeys each way, and spends the greater part of the day on the work.

3. In addition to the hire of his carriage he has had to purchase and keep up tents and a horse, so as to be ready for any duty to which he may be appointed.

4. Under these circumstances it seems only reasonable that some allowance should be granted to him.

5. I am aware that the travelling allowance rules do not admit of any such grant (if they did there would be no occasion for a reference to Government), but there are not wanting plenty of precedents for the grant of special allowances to officers under special conditions.

6. To say nothing of the regular carriage allowances granted to the officers at the Presidency and Bangalore, I might instance the extra allowances granted to myself and the other officers employed in connection with the Periar Project; but a still better

precedent is the half travelling allowance granted* to Mr. G. R. Leggatt when employed in the execution of the Central Jail at this very station, a work situated not nearly so far from his residence, nor requiring nearly as careful and constant supervision as the Palar bridge.

7. Apart from all questions of rule or precedent, the fact that Mr. Vincent is put to direct expense in the hire of a carriage in addition to the upkeep of ordinary camp equipage forms fair ground for the grant of some allowance to him.

8. I may mention, though it is only indirectly relevant to the question under reference, that Mr. Vincent is doing his work in connection with the bridge in a highly creditable manner, and that I have every reason to be satisfied with his performance of his duties.

9. I regret that I was absent at the time the order of Government under reference was received, as it appears to me that justice was hardly done to Mr. Vincent's claim by the manner in which the request for reconsideration of the order was at first submitted.

From C. VINCENT, Esq., Assistant Engineer, in charge of Palar Bridge Works, to W. P. LEGGATT, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, North Arcot, dated Palar Bridge Works, 9th July 1875, No. 96.

I HAVE the honor to forward, herewith, my inspection report for the month of June.

2. I have again advanced a claim to the half travelling allowance of my grade in spite of the Controller's letter, No. 13 N.A., of 12th June 1875, as I cannot but think that, if the Government were again addressed on the subject, the justice of my claim must be admitted.

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3. In support of this claim I would submit that my opening expenses in this country were unavoidably heavy, including purchase of tents, horse, kit, &c., so that the necessity of keeping up travelling equipage at my own expense so soon after joining the department is severely felt.

4. In the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 1,224, of 14th April 1869, I observe the following paragraph in a letter from the Acting Controller of Public Works Accounts:—

"I have always endeavored to place upon the travelling allowance rules the most liberal interpretation which they can bear, and have more than once referred for the favorable consideration of Government special claims which could not be admitted by this office under the regulations laid down for its guidance."

5. I submit that my claim is of the nature mentioned in this paragraph, supported as it is by more than one precedent.

From Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to
G. R. LEGGATT, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, North Arcot, dated Fort St.
George, 12th June 1875, No. 13 N.A.

In reply to your letter, No. 1,038, dated 15th June 1875, I regret to have to state as my opinion that, under the travelling allowance rules in force, Mr. Vincent is not entitled to one half the daily allowance of his rank under the circumstances stated in his letter.

No. 1,760.

SUBMITTED to Government for orders.

VELLORE,
31st July 1875.

(Signed) G. R. LEGGATT,
Offg. District Engineer, North Arcot.

No. 233.

ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1875, No. 2,600.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 15.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council after giving Mr. Vincent's case further consideration cannot find in it any sufficient reason for departing from the rules. The precedent afforded by Mr. G. R. Leggatt's case is not one which it is desirable to perpetuate.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, B.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, North Arcot. /E
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shanker.
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Memorandum

Letter referred to the endorsement

no 760 of the 31st Dec. from the 1875

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Enclosure!!

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Your most obedient servant

(Signed) P. Vincent Assistant Engineer

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The District Engineer
North Street

Port Saint George 12th June 1875.

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(Sgd) L. Conway Gordon
Controller of P. W. Accounts.

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Submitted to Government for orders.

North Arcot

District Engineer's Office

Vellare 31st July 1875

M. S. Subramanian A. J. P. P.
District Engineer, Erode

No. 1882

North Arcot,

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Vellore 7th August 1875.

From

The DISTRICT ENGINEER,

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To

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To
The Secretary to Government
North Arcot
No: 4296

Received 31st July 1875
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Copies of correspondence regarding

the grant of full travelling

allowance to Mr. P. Vincent

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Your Most Obedient Servant

John Penny *and* Captain R. R.

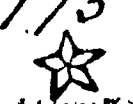
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Dated

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G. O. No. 2600
10 Apr

No. 232-233

Travelling allowance --

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